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Subject of Request: John Richard Nichols, Jr.FOIPA No. 382, 883 190-HQ-1095713

Dear Requester:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (Freedom of Information Act) and/or Section 552a (Privacy Act). In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

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(See Form 4-694a, enclosed, for an explanation of these exemptions.)

Pursuant to your request, 3 pages(s) were reviewed and 3 page(s) are being released.

During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which

- ☐ originated with another Government agency(ies).
 These documents were referred to that agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).

☒ If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530, within thirty days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject of your request was the subject of the investigation. There are additional references to the subject(s) of your request in files relating to other individuals, organizations, events or activities. These additional mentions or references have not been reviewed to determine if, in fact, they are identifiable with the subject(s) of your request. Our experience has shown that such references are frequently similar to information contained in the processed main file(s). We will process these references if you now make a specific request for them. However, because of a significant increase in FOIPA requests and an expanding backlog, we have given priority to the processing of main investigative files and can only complete the processing of these additional references as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

J. Kevin O'Brien/kmb

Chief
Freedom of Information-
Privacy Acts Section
Information Resources Division

Enclosures (2)

A search of the indices to our central records system files at FBI Headquarters revealed one instance wherein Mr. Nichols' name was mentioned and indexed in our files. Mr. Nichols is mentioned and indexed in the enclosed document from FBI file 100-403320 which pertains to the Mattachine Society.

MR. CALLAHAN

2/14/66

J. B. ADAMS

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2/8/66 A [REDACTED] called the Bureau on

According to [REDACTED]

is a member of the Mattachine Society, an organization of homosexuals in Washington. [REDACTED] desired a review of Bureau indices concerning information on the Mattachine Society; however, was advised of the confidential nature of information in FBI files. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise of the results of the interview with [REDACTED] concerning this matter and to recommend appropriate action.

(Richard)

[REDACTED] furnished a detailed statement (attached) in which he advised John Richard Nichols, Jr., age 27, is a homosexual.

[REDACTED] lives in the Washington, D. C., area, exact address unknown and is employed as a Counselor at the Capital Radio Engineering Institute. According to [REDACTED] also serves as Executive Director of the Mattachine Society in Washington under the name of Warren Adkins.

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RE [REDACTED]

According to information in Bureau files, the Mattachine Society of Washington was organized in January, 1962, and in 1963 had approximately 300 members in the metropolitan area. This society purports to discuss and act upon all problems relating to the homosexual both general and specific. Its press releases state that the primary aim is directed against the discriminatory policy of the Civil Service Commission which discriminates against homosexuals and attempting to change the policies of the Armed Forces of the United States in their treatment of such individuals. This society believes that civilian and military personnel and those in private industry who are homosexuals should no longer be regarded as security risks. Their efforts have been intensified to bring about legislation which would change this and they are also interested in having local laws changed so there will be no legal action taken against homosexuals. On 10/23/65 approximately 35 individuals picketed the White House to protest discrimination and hostility against homosexual Americans. This demonstration was allegedly sponsored by the Mattachine Society of Washington.

No record of the letter can be found that [REDACTED] is reported to have sent to the Director and other high Government officials; however, [REDACTED] may have had reference to the letter which was sent to the President following this demonstration. This letter was signed by [REDACTED] a member of the Mattachine Society, and contains details concerning their grievances as described above. No identifiable information could be located in Bureau files [REDACTED] under his true name or alias other than his alias being listed on the staff of the Gazette. Metropolitan Police Department records were also checked with negative results and only show a 1964 traffic citation [REDACTED]

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

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[REDACTED] advised him that he was writing articles for homosexual magazines and approximately two or three months ago related that he was the Executive Director of the Mattachine Society which involved considerable travel. In this regard, a check of Bureau files disclosed a May, 1965, edition of the Eastern Mattachine Magazine and Warren Adkins [REDACTED] was listed as being on the staff of the Gazette which is apparently a publication of the Mattachine Society of Washington. [REDACTED] exhibited letters which he had prepared on behalf of the Mattachine Society to ministers, priests and all high Government officials including the Director.

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